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## SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 04- 031

TO: School District Superintendents and Business Managers

FROM: Philip Williams

**DATE:** 03/01/04

SUBJECT: Corrections to FY 2002-03 Growth (A.R.S. §15-948)

Corrections to FY 2002-03 Growth (A.R.S. §15-948) have been calculated and are being included in final FY 02-03 BUDG75 reports (Expenditure analysis). The Corrected Growth Calculation can be viewed at <a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/districts">http://www.ade.az.gov/districts</a>, under Fiscal Year: 2003 and System: APOR.

The final FY 02-03 BUDG75 reports will be available by February 26, 2004, at <a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/budget">http://www.ade.az.gov/budget</a>. The updated FY 03-04 BUDG25 reports will also be made available.

This growth calculation is based on FY 2002-03 100<sup>th</sup> day ADM and SPED counts, as of 02/06/04. We are aware that some districts are still working on their 02-03 student detail. We will recalculate corrected growth for all districts in April 2004 and adjust the FY 02-03 BUDG75 and FY 03-04 BUDG25 reports at that time. Please review your FY2002-03 ADMS46-1 report for student detail accuracy. If you have corrected the counts but they are not being reflected on the ADMS-46-1, please contact the Student Detail staff in School Finance immediately (602-542-5695 or schoolfinance@ade.az.gov).

Corrected growth information is included on page 2 of 3, of the FY 02-03 BUDG75 report. The impact will be to the budget balance carry-forward from FY 2002-03 to FY 2003-04.

Corrections to state aid included for FY 2002-03 Growth in the final apportionment of the year will be based on these calculations. In order to be eligible to receive the increased FY 02-03 state aid, for growth, districts must submit a revised budget which includes the full amount of allowed budget balance carry-forward as indicated on the FY 2002-03 BUDG75 report. Reductions in State Aid for corrected growth will be included in April's apportionment.

Please contact Student Detail staff in School Finance immediately if your student detail information for FY 2002-03 is not yet correct (602-542-5695 or <a href="mailto:schoolfinance@ade.az.gov">schoolfinance@ade.az.gov</a>). All requests to correct FY 2002-03 Student Detail (SPED, ADM, ELL) received after March 31, 2004, will be handled with a more formalized 915 process, along with other 915 requests, in the order received.

For questions related to the BUDG25 or BUDG75, please e-mail <a href="mailto:schoolfinance@ade.az.gov">schoolfinance@ade.az.gov</a>. Please include the name of your district and list questions as specifically as possible when e-mailing School Finance.